AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 39, 42 and 47 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-38. (cancelled)

39. (currently amended) A cutting device for performing cutting operations on a workpiece, said cutting device comprising:

a base adapted to receive said workpiece;

a support attached to said base;

a drive assembly pivotable attached to said support, said drive assembly including a motor having an arbor shaft rotatably about an arbor axis;

a cutting tool attached to said arbor shaft;

a fastener engaging said arbor shaft to attach said cutting tool to said arbor shaft;

a fixed guard fixedly attached to said drive assembly and pivotably with said drive assembly, said fixed guard covering a first portion of said cutting tool;

a movable guard pivotably attached to said drive assembly for pivotal movement about said arbor axis, said movable guard movable between a closed position covering a second portion of said cutting tool and an open position exposing said second portion of said cutting tool;

a separate arbor cover pivotably secured to said fixed guard, said arbor cover being pivotal between a first position covering said fastener and said arbor shaft and a second position completely uncovering said fastener and said arbor shaft,

~~disengagement of said fastener from said arbor shaft being prohibited by~~ said arbor cover being adapted to prevent said fastener from falling free of said arbor shaft when said arbor cover is in said first position.

40. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 39, wherein said movable guard is movable between a closed position covering said second portion of said cutting tool and an open position uncovering a majority of said second portion of said cutting tool, said arbor cover being entirely uncovered when said movable guard is in said closed and open positions.

41. (original) The cutting device according to Claim 40, wherein said entire movable guard covers said fixed guard when said movable guard is in said open position.

42. (currently amended) A cutting device for performing cutting operations on a workpiece, said cutting device comprising:

a base adapted to receive said workpiece;

a support attached to said base;

a drive assembly pivotable attached to said support, said drive assembly including a motor having an arbor shaft rotatably about an arbor axis;

a cutting tool attached to said arbor shaft;

a fastener engaging said arbor shaft to attach said cutting tool to said arbor shaft;

a fixed guard fixedly attached to said drive assembly and pivotably with said drive assembly, said fixed guard covering a first portion of said cutting tool;

a movable guard pivotably attached to said drive assembly for pivotal movement about said arbor axis, said movable guard movable between a closed position covering a second portion of said cutting tool and an open position exposing said second portion of said cutting tool;

a separate arbor cover pivotably secured to said fixed guard, said arbor cover being pivotal between a first position covering said fastener and said arbor shaft and a second position completely uncovering said fastener and said arbor shaft, ~~disengagement of said fastener from said arbor shaft being prohibited by~~ said arbor cover being adapted to prevent said fastener from falling free of said arbor shaft when said arbor cover is in said first position;

a torsional coil spring biasing said movable guard into said closed position.

43. (original) The cutting device according to Claim 42, wherein said movable guard is movable between a closed position covering said second portion of said cutting tool and an open position uncovering a majority of said second portion of said cutting tool, said arbor cover being entirely uncovered when said movable guard is in said closed and open positions.

44. (original) The cutting device according to Claim 43, wherein said entire movable guard covers said fixed guard when said movable guard is in said open position.

45.-46. (cancelled)

47. (currently amended) A cutting device for performing cutting operations on a workpiece, said cutting device comprising:

a base adapted to receive said workpiece;

a support arm attached to said base;

a drive support slidingly engaging said support arm;

a drive assembly pivotably attached to said drive support, said drive assembly including a motor having an arbor shaft rotatably about an arbor axis;

a cutting tool attached to said arbor shaft;

a fastener engaging said arbor shaft to attach said cutting tool to said arbor shaft;

a fixed guard fixedly attached to said drive assembly and pivotably with said drive assembly, said fixed guard covering a first portion of said cutting tool;

a movable guard pivotably attached to said drive assembly for pivotal movement about said arbor axis, said movable guard movable between a closed position covering a second portion of said cutting tool and an open position exposing said second portion of said cutting tool;

a separate arbor cover pivotably secured to said fixed guard, said arbor cover being pivotal between a first position covering said fastener and said arbor shaft and a second position completely uncovering said fastener and said arbor shaft, ~~disengagement of said fastener from said arbor shaft being prohibited by~~ said arbor cover being adapted to prevent said fastener from falling free of said arbor shaft when said arbor cover is in said first position.

48. (original) The cutting device according to Claim 47, wherein said movable guard is movable between a closed position covering said second portion of said cutting tool and an open position uncovering a majority of said second portion of said cutting tool, said arbor cover being entirely uncovered when said movable guard is in said closed and open positions.

49. (original) The cutting device according to Claim 48, wherein said entire movable guard covers said fixed guard when said movable guard is in said open position.

50.-58. (cancelled)

59. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 39 further comprising a retainer extending through said arbor cover and through one side of said fixed guard to secure said arbor cover to said fixed guard, said retainer movable to a first position where an inner end of said retainer is generally flush with an inner surface

of said one side of said fixed guard to allow pivotable movement of said arbor cover and a second position where said inner end of said retainer is spaced from said inner surface of said one side of said fixed guard to prohibit pivotable movement of said arbor cover, said inner end of said retainer defining a first blade caliper which protects said fixed guard from said cutting tool.

60. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 59 further comprising a second blade caliper spaced from an inner surface of the other side of said fixed guard to protect said fixed guard from said cutting tool.

61. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 60 further comprising the second blade caliper being disposed opposite to the first blade caliper.

62. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 42 further comprising a retainer extending through said arbor cover and through one side of said fixed guard to secure said arbor cover to said fixed guard, said retainer movable to a first position where an inner end of said retainer is generally flush with an inner surface of said one side of said fixed guard to allow pivotable movement of said arbor cover and a second position where said inner end of said retainer is spaced from said inner surface of said one side of said fixed guard to prohibit pivotable movement of said arbor cover, said inner end of said retainer defining a first blade caliper which protects said fixed guard from said cutting tool.

63. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 62 further comprising a second blade caliper spaced from an inner surface of the other side of said fixed guard to protect said fixed guard from said cutting tool.

64. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 63 further comprising the second blade caliper being disposed opposite to the first blade caliper.

65. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 47 further comprising a retainer extending through said arbor cover and through one side of said fixed guard to secure said arbor cover to said fixed guard, said retainer movable to a first position where an inner end of said retainer is generally flush with an inner surface of said one side of said fixed guard to allow pivotable movement of said arbor cover and a second position where said inner end of said retainer is spaced from said inner surface of said one side of said fixed guard to prohibit pivotable movement of said arbor cover, said inner end of said retainer defining a first blade caliper which protects said fixed guard from said cutting tool.

66. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 65 further comprising a second blade caliper spaced from an inner surface of the other side of said fixed guard to protect said fixed guard from said cutting tool.

67. (previously presented) The cutting device according to Claim 66 further comprising the second blade caliper being disposed opposite to the first blade caliper.